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Manfrotto MVGBF-CF

Manfrotto Fast Gimboom Carbon Fibre Instruction Manual

Model: MVGBF-CF
Brand: Manfrotto

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1. Introduction

The Manfrotto Fast Gimboom Carbon Fibre is a lightweight and compact carbon boom designed to extend the reach of your gimbal for enhanced shooting versatility. It features a unique FAST Twisting Lock mechanism for quick and simple extension, making it an ideal tool for achieving dynamic shots from ground level to overhead positions.

Key Features:

- **Higher Versatility:** Equipped with standard 3/8" and 1/4" top attachment screws, compatible with a wide range of gimbals.
- **Always Ready:** Features the unique FAST Twisting Lock for rapid extension with a single gesture.
- **Hand Baggage Size & Portability:** Measures 20 inches (51 cm) when closed and weighs just 1.76 lbs (0.8 kg), ensuring easy transport.
- **All Perspectives:** Enables shooting from ground level to overhead positions, enhancing production values.
- **Lightweight & Strong:** Constructed from carbon fibre tubes (3 sections - 2 risers) for optimal lightness and robustness.

2. Safety Information

Please read and understand all safety instructions before using the Manfrotto Fast Gimboom. Failure to follow these instructions may result in injury or damage to the product or attached equipment.

- Do not exceed the maximum payload capacity of 10 lbs (4.5 kg).
- Ensure all locking mechanisms are securely engaged before use.
- Handle with care to avoid dropping or impacting the Gimboom, especially when a camera or gimbal is attached.
- Keep the Gimboom away from extreme temperatures, moisture, and corrosive substances.
- Do not attempt to modify or disassemble the Gimboom. Refer all servicing to qualified personnel.
- Be aware of your surroundings when operating the Gimboom, especially in crowded areas or near obstacles.

3. Package Contents

Verify that all items are present in your package:

- Manfrotto Fast Gimboom Carbon Fibre
- Instruction Manual (this document)

Note: Gimbals, cameras, and other accessories are sold separately.

4. Setup

4.1 Attaching Your Gimbal/Camera

The Manfrotto Gimboom features a versatile top attachment point for your equipment.

1. Identify the top attachment screw on the Gimboom. It supports both 3/8" and 1/4" threads.
2. Carefully align your gimbal or camera's mounting plate with the Gimboom's top screw.
3. Rotate your gimbal or camera clockwise onto the screw until it is securely fastened. Ensure there is no wobble.



Image: The Manfrotto Gimboom with a camera and gimbal securely attached to its top mounting point, demonstrating a typical setup for extended reach.



Image: A detailed view of the Gimboom's top section, showing the attachment point and the "UNLOCK" indicator for the twisting lock mechanism.

5. Operating Instructions

5.1 Extending and Retracting the Gimboom (FAST Twisting Lock)

The Gimboom utilizes a FAST Twisting Lock system for rapid length adjustment.

1. Hold the Gimboom firmly with one hand.
2. To unlock, twist the grip section counter-clockwise slightly. You will see the "UNLOCK" indicator.
3. Extend the desired section(s) to the desired length. The carbon fibre tubes will slide smoothly.
4. To lock, twist the grip section clockwise until it is firm and the "LOCK" indicator is visible (or the "UNLOCK" indicator is no longer visible). Ensure each section is fully locked before use.
5. To retract, repeat steps 2 and 4 in reverse, pushing the sections back into the main body.



Image: A user demonstrating the extended reach of the Manfrotto Gimboom, holding it overhead to capture a high-angle perspective.



Image: A user holding the Manfrotto Gimboom horizontally, showcasing its use for wide-angle or extended reach shots.

5.2 Using the Rubber Cap

The Gimboom includes a rubber cap at the bottom to protect the product when placed on the ground.

- Always use the rubber cap when resting the Gimboom on hard or abrasive surfaces to prevent damage to the carbon fibre tubes.



Image: A close-up view of the bottom of the Manfrotto Gimboom, showing the protective rubber cap and the integrated thread for potential accessories.

6. Maintenance

Proper maintenance ensures the longevity and optimal performance of your Manfrotto Fast Gimboom.

- **Cleaning:** Wipe the carbon fibre tubes and locking mechanisms with a soft, dry cloth after each use. For stubborn dirt, use a slightly damp cloth and mild soap, then dry thoroughly. Avoid abrasive cleaners or solvents.
- **Storage:** Store the Gimboom in a clean, dry place, away from direct sunlight and extreme temperatures. It is recommended to store it in its retracted position.
- **Inspection:** Periodically inspect all sections and locking mechanisms for any signs of wear or damage. Do not use the Gimboom if any part appears damaged.

7. Troubleshooting

This section addresses common issues you might encounter with your Manfrotto Fast Gimboom.

Problem	Possible Cause	Solution
Sections do not extend/retract smoothly.	Dirt or debris inside the tubes; locking mechanism not fully disengaged.	Ensure the twisting lock is fully in the "UNLOCK" position. Clean the tubes thoroughly as per maintenance instructions.
Gimbal/camera feels loose on the top attachment.	Equipment not securely tightened; incorrect thread size.	Ensure your gimbal/camera is fully tightened onto the 3/8" or 1/4" screw. Verify compatibility of your equipment's mounting plate.
Gimboom feels unstable when extended.	Sections not fully locked; exceeding maximum payload.	Ensure all twisting locks are securely engaged. Check that the total weight of your equipment does not exceed the maximum payload capacity.

If you encounter issues not listed here or if the suggested solutions do not resolve the problem, please contact Manfrotto customer support.

8. Specifications

Feature	Detail
Model Number	MVGBF-CF
Material	Carbon Fibre
Sections	3
Risers	2
Minimum Height (Folded)	20 inches (51 cm)
Maximum Height (Extended)	Up to 45.3 inches (115 cm)
Weight	1.76 lbs (0.8 kg)
Safety Payload Weight	10 lbs (4.5 kg)
Top Attachment	1/4" screw, 3/8" screw
Locking Mechanism	Twist Lock (FAST Technology)
Product Dimensions (closed)	23.4"D x 3.2"W x 3"H (approx. 59.4 x 8.1 x 7.6 cm)
UPC	719821462958

9. Warranty and Support

9.1 Warranty Information

Manfrotto products are manufactured to high quality standards and are guaranteed to be fit for the purpose for which they have been designed. For specific warranty terms and conditions applicable to your region, please refer to the official Manfrotto website or contact your local distributor.

9.2 Customer Support

For technical assistance, product inquiries, or service requests, please visit the official Manfrotto support page or contact their customer service team:

- **Manfrotto Official Website:** www.manfrotto.com
- Refer to the website for contact details specific to your country or region.

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